Claims

- [c1] A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising: detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor to obtain a proffered biometric sample; verifying said proffered biometric sample; and storing said proffered biometric sample on a database such that said system utilizes said proffered biometric sample to authorize a smartcard transaction.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: detecting, associating, and processing a proffered biometric sample.
- [c3] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.
- [c4] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of detecting, associating, and processing at least one additional proffered biometric sample.
- [c5] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes at least one of: processing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

- [c6] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.
- [c7] The method of claim 6, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample in-cludes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a biometric sample of at least one of a criminal, a terrorist, and a cardmember.
- [08] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using information contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.
- [09] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using at least one of a local CPU and a third-party security vendor.
- [c10] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes facilitating the use of at least one secondary security procedure.
- [c11] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of storing a biometric sample includes storing a proffered biometric

sample on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.